

cover most of the modifications and innovations in the new rules. Members are urged to read the new constitution and by-laws when they appear in the July issue of this journal. It cannot be too often stated that if it were not for our national, our state and our county medical organizations, the onslaught on scientific medicine from commercialistic and faddist sources would be so numerous and powerful that much of the joy of service, as well as those decent rewards which go with good service, would be taken from the majority of doctors of medicine. Such a calamity would make for a deterioration of our profession and its standards, and would mean a grave menace to public health interests and to the welfare of our country.

Organization in medicine, therefore, is a something which concerns every one of us who is in practice, no matter what our supposed professional rank may be, and no matter whether we acknowledge interest in medical organization work or not. If we do acknowledge the importance of medical organization to our personal and to our group professional interests, then it behooves each of us to have an intelligent understanding of the methods of government in our national, state and county medical societies. The reading of a constitution and by-laws, even though at first thought a most dry and uninviting duty, can become a study of live and pertinent interest if we approach it in a proper attitude of mind. For through a better understanding of the objects of organization, we are far more apt, each of us, to accept the responsibilities which fall on us; and each of us will be more willing to do his full part in maintaining the standards of scientific and non-sectarian medicine.

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Proposed Referendum on Incorporation.—In this connection, and as an expression of alertness to this responsibility, every member of the California Medical Association is urgently requested to promptly send in his vote when the referendum on the incorporation of the California Medical Association is later sent out to the members. To comply thoroughly with the corporation laws of California, in relation to organizations such as our State Association, the vote of the members should be a matter of record. The House of Delegates at San Diego, without a single dissenting vote, took action in favor of incorporation. It is hoped that a somewhat similar unanimity will be shown when the vote is taken at large. Let every member coöperate and vote promptly when the referendum vote slips and envelope are sent him. These slips will probably go into the mails shortly after the appearance of the July issue of this journal, in which the referendum will be further discussed. By voting promptly at that time the work of reorganization will be expedited and the way be paved for a greater future for the California Medical Association, a something to which each of us is pledged.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION AT CORONADO-SAN DIEGO

Thanks of the Association to San Diego Colleagues.—To the members of the San Diego County Medical Association, individually and collectively, go the thanks of the California Medical Association and especially of those of its members who were so fortunate to be present and take part in the scientific and entertainment features which were provided.

The program of this fifty-eighth annual session which was printed in the May issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, was an indication of the interesting experience which was to be offered to all those who traveled south to the border of Old Mexico, to become the guests of our San Diego colleagues. Excellent as the preliminary program appeared, it was outdone in actual performance. The California Medical Association may be said to be a stronger state unit because of this session, for the general meetings and those of the scientific sections measured up to a high standard.

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Appreciation of the Guest Speakers.—Our Association expresses its deep appreciation to the guest speakers from other states, whose presence and contributions aided in making the session at Coronado such a success. The kindly, informal address of greeting to the House of Delegates by President William S. Thayer of the American Medical Association, in which he brought the good wishes of our national organization to our state unit, was much enjoyed, and his generous sentiments were fully reciprocated. The presence of these prominent colleagues from other portions of our country was not only a personal inspiration, but an incentive to increased endeavor on behalf of organized medicine. These busy colleagues were willing to leave their many home duties and responsibilities, at considerable cost in time and convenience, to bring to the members of the California Medical Association their messages of good will, and of viewpoints on problems of medical and scientific interest. They demonstrated by the same their belief in the value of organization to the medical profession. That these colleagues from afar off were willing to do this for us, should make those of us who are at times a bit laggard in making an effort to attend medical meetings resolve to do a wee bit better in the future.

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Scientific and Entertainment Features of High Standard.—The worth of the scientific papers which were read, and the diversified and acceptable program of entertainment which was constantly presented, it is not possible to here discuss in detail. The pages of this journal during the coming year will bring to its readers the printed expression of the scientific contributions. Returning members from the session will spread by word of mouth the glad tidings of the good times which

were enjoyed through the entertainment features provided by the San Diego County Medical Society.

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Excellent Innovation in Time Allotments in Program.—One outstanding change which was put to the test at Coronado was the plan submitted to the Council by the San Diego committee of arrangements, in which it was recommended that the scientific meetings of the session all begin promptly at nine o'clock, with prompt adjournment at one o'clock; to be followed by luncheon, the remainder of the afternoons to be given over to entertainment. It is gratifying to record that this plan worked out in splendid fashion. The meetings of the scientific sections moved forward with as much alertness and profit as at any time in the past when morning and afternoon meetings were the vogue. In addition, visiting members and their ladies were able to far more easily take part in the good fellowship features which were provided in the entertainment program.

It is hoped this innovation in procedure will be carried out in the future. The knowledge that the sections will adjourn promptly at one o'clock will be a stimulus to section officers and members to call their meetings to order promptly, to hold essayists and discussers down to the time allotments and other rules provided in the by-laws of the Association; and by transacting section proceedings in businesslike fashion will make for increasingly good scientific programs.

The success of this plan of procedure was so marked that the wonder is that it had never been tried out before. Evidently in our past endeavors to be thoroughly instructive to one another we became parties to meeting methods that consumed time somewhat out of proportion to the good to be accomplished. At any rate, in the future it is probable that an increasing number of members will stand firm for the plan of intensive application to the scientific programs in the mornings, and equally intensive effort in the entertainment features for each afternoon. It stands to reason that if the scientific aims of our State Association can be adequately served by such a time allotment that the interests of organized medicine will be promoted through the personal contacts made possible in daily afternoon entertainment programs. Those members who were present at San Diego seemed unanimously in favor of the new plan. Properly carried out, it should, year by year, make for an extra large attendance at our annual sessions.

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Thanks to Retiring, and Greetings to New Officers.—Some words of greeting for services rendered by retiring officers may well have a place here. The California Medical Association is appreciative of the services of all its retiring executive and other representatives, from retiring President William H. Kiger down, who during the last twelve months have given generously of their best in order to aid the California Medical Association.

It welcomes its new president, Morton R. Gibbons, of San Francisco, with feelings of special regard and kindly wishes, because of the part which his grandfather, Henry Gibbons, as president of our State Association in 1857 and again in 1872, his great-uncle, William P. Gibbons, as our president in 1886, and his father, Henry Gibbons, Jr., in 1897, also as president of our State Association, played in the development of organized medicine in California. His is a unique professional lineage, and one that would probably be most difficult to duplicate, even in state medical associations east of the Mississippi, where the history of organized medicine goes back to an earlier period than in California. We are all of us proud that in his family, in which there have been disciples of Aesculapius in different generations, that his forbears should have all been imbued with a high sense of obligation to serve in broad manner the best interests of the profession to which they had allied themselves.

To our new president-elect, Lyell C. Kinney, of San Diego, the hand of good fellowship is also extended. His service on the Council as the representative of the First Councilor District has long acquainted his fellow officers with his merits. The manner in which he directed the recent San Diego meeting arrangements is a further indication of his executive capacity. His professional worth brought to him the generous support of colleagues in San Diego and elsewhere who were familiar with his work. To him and other newly elected councilors and officers the Association extends its greetings and good wishes.

FORTY-EIGHTH CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—FINIS

General Record of the Forty-Eighth California Legislature.—On May 15 the Forty-Eighth California Legislature adjourned, after a ninety-nine-day session, one of the longest sessions of recent years. In common with other organizations, the members of the California Medical Association may now pause to make note of the constructive or destructive results on certain proposed public health legislation.

Thirty-eight state senators introduced 890 bills or proposed laws, 45 constitutional amendments, 41 concurrent resolutions, and 15 joint amendments. Eighty state assemblymen introduced 1196 bills, 39 constitutional amendments, 48 concurrent resolutions, and 22 joint resolutions. Of the grand total of more than 2000 bills which were introduced by senators and assemblymen, a total of 1110 went on to passage. The ninety-nine-day session of the legislators cost California, in legislative expenses, the sum of \$536,482.04.

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Public Health Bills Before the Legislature.—The March number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, pages 211-215, gave a summary of the numerous public health measures which had been introduced up to that time, and this column of the journal in the last several issues has discussed in detail several of the proposed measures